

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. The claims in the application are now claims 1-18.

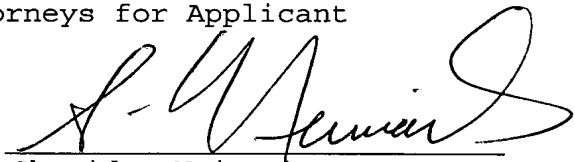
The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, and also to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee.

The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended. Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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